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SOLUBLE GUANYLYLCYCLASE)
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 132

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Sir:

ULRIKE ZABEL declares that:

1. She is familiar with the above-identified United States patent application;
2. She is a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified United States patent application together with Harald Schmidt and Wolfgang Poller;
3. She is familiar with the publication Zabel et al., Biochem. J. 335:51-57 (1998);
4. She is the Ulrike Zabel listed as one of the authors in the aforementioned publication by Zabel et al.;
5. Harald H. H. W. Schmidt listed as another author in the aforementioned publication by Zabel et al. is the same Harald Schmidt named as one of the inventors in the above-identified United States patent application;

6. Monica Weeger was an assistant who worked under her guidance and supervision, Mylinh La was a student who was working under the guidance and supervision of Harald Schmidt, and both were listed as co-authors of the aforementioned publication by Zabel et al.;

7. Neither Monica Weeger nor Mylinh La made an inventive contribution to the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application.

I, ULRIKE ZABEL, declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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